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PATENT APPLICATION



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HIROSHI TOJO ET AL.	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	
THEREFOR	)	February 23, 2006

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the documents are enclosed, as well as a copy of a communication dated November 27, 2005, from the Chinese Patent Office, citing those documents in a counterpart Chinese application.

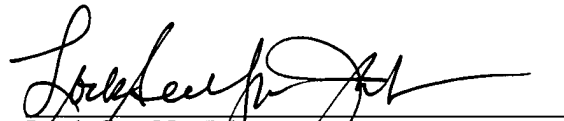
An explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English-language abstracts. Also, please note that WO 00/46748 is in the same patent family as CN1341247A.

To the best of Applicant's knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet been mailed for the present application.

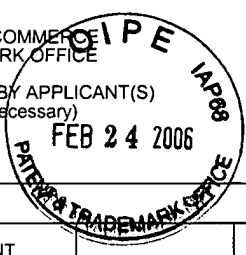
It is respectfully requested that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that the documents have been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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		<b>CN1413458</b>	<b>04/30/03</b>	<b>China</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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